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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Draft of resolution regarding Guatemala—Consultation with other American Republics

PARTICIPANTS: Brazilian Ambassador João Carlos Muniz
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I delivered to the Brazilian Embassy a copy of our draft of resolution regarding Guatemala. The Ambassador read it in my presence and said that he felt that it was entirely satisfactory.

I told him that we were going ahead now and talking informally to representatives of the other States outlining the course that we would like to follow and the type of sanctions that we would like to have imposed. He agreed to our doing this.

Subsequently I called him on the phone and told him that we would encounter a problem with respect to those four countries—Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile—on which Brazil wants to take the lead. I pointed out to him that when it becomes known around Washington that I am discussing a course of action people from these countries will come in and want to hear what I have to say. If I decline to discuss our course with them it will have a bad effect on the whole program. Accordingly, we agreed that when they come in I should speak to them just as I am to the remainder. However, we will agree among ourselves that Brazil is still going to take the lead in obtaining the vote of these countries.

I told him that Ambassador Sparks was planning to go back to Bolivia next week, and that undoubtedly when he gets there he will be questioned closely by the Government about attitudes here. I said that we would like to coordinate his arrival in Bolivia at such a time as to enable the Brazilians to make the first overture to the Bolivian Government. He responded

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responded that if Ambassador Sparks is not arriving there until the middle of next week he would be reasonably sure that the Brazilians would have already made their initial overture. He said that he was tonight cabling the substance of our draft resolution and statement to his government and suggesting that they immediately undertake the initial contact with the four governments for whose vote they are taking responsibility.

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